

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 23, 28, 29 33, 36, 40 and 41, without prejudice to re-presenting them and/or including the content thereof in a continuing patent application.

Insert the following new claims:

49. A system for monitoring a food service site, said system comprising:

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- a) a portable processor operable at the site and comprising memory, a display and input facilities,
  - b) said portable processor assembly including a monitoring program determinative of compliant operational performance of the site,
  - A10* c) said monitoring program comprising a task application relating to a plurality of different operational categories,
  - d) said task application including a plurality of user interactive test items communicated to a user on said display,
  - e) a plurality of predetermined standards defining acceptable performance parameters for each of said operational categories,
  - f) said monitoring program further comprising a corrective application comprising a plurality of corrective actions evident on said display, each of said corrective actions

being responsive to a user response which is noncompliant with associated ones of said plurality of predetermined standards,

- g) at least some of said corrective actions requiring a supplemental user response available to the user on said display, and
- h) said supplemental user responses determinative of compliance of said operational categories with associated ones of said predetermined standards.

50. A system as recited in claim 49 further comprising a temperature acquisition module interfaced with said portable processor assembly, said temperature acquisition module comprising a temperature sensing probe structured for direct measurement of food products for determining existing temperatures thereof.

51. A system as recited in claim 50 wherein said input facilities include said temperature acquisition module, said temperature sensing probe further structured for direct contact with the food products and communication of said existing temperatures to said display.

52. A system as recited in claim 50 wherein said temperature acquisition module is cooperatively structured with said portable processor assembly to be determinative of the existing temperatures being within acceptable performance parameters; said acceptable performance parameters including

a temperature range of each of the food products at least partially defined by a predetermined low temperature and a predetermined high temperature.

53. A process for monitoring operation of a food service site, said process comprising:

- a) establishing a plurality of operational categories associated with the functioning of the site,
- b) providing a user with a plurality of interactive test items determinative of a degree of performance of the plurality of operational categories,
- c) acknowledging a plurality of standards which defining acceptable performance parameters for the operational categories,
- d) providing the user with a plurality of user responses indicative of a plurality of possible existing conditions of the plurality of operational categories, and
- e) requiring the user to select a user response indicative of an existing condition of a corresponding one of the plurality of operational categories currently being monitored.

54. A process as recited in claim 53 comprising collecting resulting records of data derived from the selected user responses which are indicative of compliance with the predetermined standards.

Amend the following claims:

2. (Amended) A system as in claim 49 wherein said predetermined standards comprise government regulatory requirements.
8. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein each of said interactive test items are communicated to the user on said display concurrently with at least one related user response.
12. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein each of said interactive test items are communicated to the user on said display concurrently with a plurality of related user responses.
15. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein said monitoring program includes a scheduling application including performance of said plurality of interactive test items at a specified time.
16. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 15 wherein said scheduling application indicates performance of said plurality of interactive test items in a predetermined sequence.
17. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 16 wherein said monitoring program further comprises an alert application for communicating untimely input of a corresponding user response to a scheduled interactive test item.
21. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein said input facilities comprise a display activated keypad structured to allow user selection of an appropriate one of a plurality of displayed user responses.

22. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 49 wherein said input facilities comprise a display activated keypad structured to allow user selection of an appropriate one of said user responses displayed concurrently with a related one of said interactive test items.
24. (Amended) A system for monitoring a food service site, said system comprising:
- a) a portable processor assembly operable at the site and comprising memory, a display and input facilities,
  - b) said portable processor assembly including a monitoring program determinative of compliant operational performance of the site,
  - c) said monitoring program comprising a task application relating to a plurality of different operational categories,
  - d) said task application including a plurality of interactive test items each requiring a user response evident on said display and indicative of actual conditions associated with said plurality of operational categories,
  - e) a plurality of predetermined standards defining acceptable performance parameters for said operational categories,
  - f) a corrective application comprising a plurality of corrective actions evident on said display, each of said
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corrective actions being responsive to a user response which is non-compliant with associated ones of said plurality of predetermined standards,

g) result records comprised of data derived from a collection of said user responses and indicative of compliance with said predetermined standards, and

h) a control facility including a central processor having sufficient capability to process said result records in a manner evidencing a pattern of compliance with said predetermined standards.

25. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 24 wherein said input facilities comprise a temperature acquisition module interfaced with said portable processor and structured to communicate data defining said user response and representative of existing temperature of a food product.

26. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 25 wherein said temperature acquisition module comprises a probe assembly including a temperature sensing probe operative by the user to directly measure existing temperature data of the food product, said temperature data automatically communicated to the user on said display and defining a corresponding user response.

30. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 26 wherein said plurality of predetermined standards comprise government derived temperature standards.

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31. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 30 wherein said plurality of predetermined standards further comprise owner derived temperature standards.
32. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 31 wherein said owner derived temperature standards exceed said government derived standards and compromise a temperature range of the food product at least partially defined by a predetermined low temperature and a predetermined high temperature.
34. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 24 wherein said corrective application further comprises requirements for a supplementary user response indicative of compliance of actual conditions with related ones of said plurality of predetermined standards.
35. (Amended) A system as recited in claim 24 wherein said monitoring program further comprises an alert application for communicating untimely user responses to said plurality of interactive test items.
37. (Amended) A process as recited in claim 53 comprising communicating a plurality of corrective actions to the user in response to entry of user responses indicative of existing conditions being non-compliant with the plurality of standards.
42. (Amended) A process as recited in claim 53 comprising manually selecting at least one of the provided plurality of user responses.

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43. (Amended) A process as recited in claim 53 comprising automatically selecting at least one of the provided plurality of user responses.
44. (Amended) A process as recited in claim 53 comprising defining requested user responses as temperatures automatically determined by direct temperature sensing of food products.
46. (Amended) A process as recited in claim 40 comprising scheduling periodic performance of the plurality of interactive test items and required user responses.
47. (Amended) A process as recited in claim 46 comprising determining untimely entry of user responses to scheduled interactive test items being indicative of untimely user performance of scheduled test items.
48. (Amended) A process as recited in claim 54 comprising processing the result records to establish documentary evidence of a pattern of compliance with said plurality of standards.